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SUBJECT: BOTULISM CONTAMINATION IN CANNED SALMON
REFERENCE: TEL AVIV 10175; LISBON 5956

1. FDA IS CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRM PRODUCING THE CANNED SALMON THAT CAUSED THE BOTULISM INCIDENT IN THE U.K. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS MECHANICAL DAMAGE TO THE CAN OF SALMON IN THE U.K. WHICH APPEARS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CONTAMINATION. DISTRIBUTION OF THE REST OF THE SALMON PRODUCED AT THE SAME TIME HAS BEEN TRACED AND THERE WAS NO DISTRIBUTION TO ISRAEL OR PORTUGAL. FDA IS STILL EVALUATING THE SITUATION TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RECALL ANY FURTHER PRODUCTION FROM THE PLANT.

2. THE SALMON INVOLVED WAS CANNED BY THE PETER PAN SEAFOODS INC. PLANT AT FALSE PASS, ALASKA. THE CAN CODE NUMBER WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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RF7G/F7145. IN THE TOP LINE OF THE CODE, "RF7G" THE SECOND CHARACTER "F" IDENTIFIES THE PRODUCT AS BEING CANNED AT THE FALSE PASS CANNERY. THUS, AUTHORITIES MAY BE CERTAIN THAT IF THE SECOND CHARACTER OF THE TOP LINE OF THE CODE IS NOT "F" THE SALMON WAS NOT CANNED AT FALSE PASS. THE CODES OF THE OTHER TWO LOTS OF SALMON WHICH WERE COOKED AT THE SAME TIME ARE "RF7B/F7145" AND "KF7M/F7145".

3. IF FDA DETERMINES THAT ANY OTHER CODES ARE SUSPECT,
THE CONSIGNEES WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. IF SHIP-
MENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED, THE U.S. EMBASSIES
OF THE COUNTRIES WILL BE NOTIFIED. CHRISTOPHER

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